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SUBJECT: ZAGLADIN THREATENS NEW SOVIET MISSILE DEPLOYMENTS

1. (LOU) IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED MARCH 9 WITH LEFTIST ROME DAILY LA REPUBBLICA CPSU OFFICIAL VADIM ZAGLADIN PROVIDED THE MOST EXPLICIT DESCRIPTION WE CAN RECALL SEEING OF HOW THE SOVIETS MIGHT RESPOND TO NATO INF INSTALLATIONS. AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF ZAGLADIN'S REMARKS ON THIS ISSUE IS PROVIDED BELOW. OTHER ASPECTS OF THE ZAGLADIN INTERVIEW WILL BE REPORTED IN SEPTEL.

2. (U) TEXT OF LA REPUBBLICA QUESTION AND ZAGLADIN RESPONSE:

-- QUOTE Q: WHAT IS THE NEWS FROM GENEVA? IS IT TRUE,
 -- AS ONE HEARS, THAT THE AMERICANS PROMISED KOHL
 -- THAT THEY WOULD SOON SUBMIT A NEW PROPOSAL IN THE INF
 -- NEGOTIATIONS? PERSISTENT RUMORS SPEAK OF GOING
 -- BEYOND THE 'ZERO SOLUTION', OF A POSSIBLE 'INTERME-
 -- DIATE SOLUTION'?

-- A. LOOK, LET'S BE CLEAR. FOR US THERE CAN BE NO
 -- VALID 'INTERMEDIATE SOLUTIONS'. IF INSTEAD OF
 -- INSTALLING 108 PERSHING MISSILES, THE AMERICANS
 -- PUT 30 OR 40 OR WHATEVER IT WOULD BE EXACTLY THE
 -- SAME FOR THE USSR. WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE COUNTER-
 -- MEASURES. THEREFORE, IF ONE WANTS TO NEGOTIATE,
 -- ONE HAS TO START FROM THE CONCEPT OF REDUCTIONS AND
 -- NOT INCREASES OF THE MISSILE POTENTIAL ON BOTH
 -- SIDES. SO FAR THIS TALK OF 'INTERMEDIATE
 -- SOLUTIONS' APPEARS TO US TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO
 -- CAMOUFLAGE THE INTENTION OF DEPLOYING THE NEW MISSILES
 -- WHATEVER HAPPENS. AND IF THAT OCCURS... WE WILL
 -- HAVE TO DEPLOY MISSILES EQUIVALENT TO THE PERSHING
 -- 2, WITH AN EQUALLY RAPID FLYING TIME, NEAR THE
 -- BORDERS (IN VICINANZA) OF THE UNITED STATES. UNQUOTE.

3. (C) ZAGLADIN ALSO SAID IN THE INTERVIEW THAT THERE WAS "FULL ACCORD" BETWEEN THE POSITIONS OF THE USSR AND THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY ON THE QUESTION OF EURO-

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MISSILES. ASIDE FROM THE THREAT OF SOVIET COUNTERMEASURES, ZAGLADIN'S COMMENTS CLOSELY TRACKED WITH THOSE OF PCI SECRETARY BERLINGUER'S REPORT TO THE 16TH PCI PARTY CONGRESS. BERLINGUER ARGUED THAT, EVEN IF AN IMBALANCE OF MISSILES IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER DID EXIST, IT (A) DID NOT MATTER SINCE THERE WAS STRATEGIC EQUALITY BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS, (B) COULD NOT BE VERIFIED EXCEPT IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS AND (C) COULD NOT BE RECTIFIED BY DEPLOYING NEW WEAPONS SINCE THOSE WOULD BE AIMED AT ESTABLISHING A NEW SUPERIORITY (SIC). THE CLOSENESS OF BERLINGUER'S VIEWS WITH SOVIET POSITIONS ON INF CAUSED CONSIDERABLE COMMENT AMONG DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS AT THE PCI CONGRESS. BRIDGES

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